

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) (a), (b) and (d). A list * containing the required information is laid on the table.

(c) 57.

(e) 67 days, excluding the days on duty at the Palaces at Attin-gal, Varkalai, Quilon, Nagercoil and Peermade.

(f) *Chirayinkil*.—2 days between Chirayinkil and Varkala Palace. *Kottayam and Putupalli*.—19 days' halt for attending office work. Kottayam was the headquarters for the northern circuit and some of the days were spent at Putupalli—3 miles from Kottayam and therefore it is not possible to give the exact number of days spent at Putupalli.

(2) Patients and clinical notes were examined and opinions re-garding the professional work of the institutions have been included in the reports wherever necessary.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to parts (2) (c) and (d), will the member be pleased to give me the number and date of the covering letters with which these reports were submitted to the Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The information is not available just now and it has to be collected.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the answer to part (2) (f) of the question, may I know approximately the number of days the Darbar Physician halted at Putupalli?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is there.

Removal of Night-soil in Trivandrum Town.

97. MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*):

(1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether proposals for the purchase of two motor lorries for the removal of night-soil have been received from the Trivandrum Municipal Council, and, if so, the date on which they were received and the action taken thereon?

(2) Will they kindly call for and lay on the table a report as to whether the existing staff of scavengers is sufficient for the needs of the town and whether any improvements have been effected in the matter of removal and disposal of night-soil during the current year?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes, on the 4th August 1926. Additional information regarding the financial effect of the scheme has been called for from the Council.

(2) A copy * of the report on the subject from the President, Municipal Council, Trivandrum, is laid on the table.

Nilakkamukku-Koviltottam Road.

98. MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): (1) Are the Government aware:

(a) that the merchants and the public of the locality are put to hardship on account of the paucity of a road from Nilakkamukku to Koviltottam; and

* *Vide* Appendix III—Pages 343 and 344.

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(b) that they are put to inconvenience and difficulty owing to the want of a bridge at Kayikkara crossing?

(2) If the answer is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter and take early steps to redress these grievances?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(1) and (2) The Government are not aware and will enquire.

Nagercoil Distillery Contract.

99. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) who the present contractor of the Nagercoil distillery is;

(b) whether he is a Travancorean and how long he has been the contractor of the above distillery;

(c) whether there were any other applicants for the above, for 1101 or 1102; if so, who they were and how their applications were disposed of;

(d) whether it was transacted in open auction or by private negotiation;

(e) whether the present contractor was ever given any loan from the Government, and, if so, how much and when; and

(f) whether the Government enquired into his solvency or otherwise before doing so?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (a) The Receivers and Managers of the Nadar Estate.

(b) The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative. From the beginning of 1100.

(c) There was no separate contract for 1101. For information regarding the biennial contract beginning with 1102, the member is referred to the answer to part (d) of question No. 9 asked by Mr. T. Kumara Pillai on the 22nd November 1926. Besides the persons therein mentioned, the Managing Agents, Travancore Sugars, Ltd., also applied. Their applications were rejected as their rates were higher than those of the accepted tenderer.

(d) Tenders were invited by notification in the *Government Gazette*.

(e) The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative. The second part does not, therefore, arise.

(f) In view of the answer to part (e), this does not arise.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know the names of the persons referred to here as the receivers and managers of the Nadar's Estate?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Fraser and Ross C. A.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Did the Government enquire into the solvency or otherwise of the contractors, viz., the Receivers and Managers of the Nadar's Estate before the contract was given to them?